

Curriculum Vitae of Suman Bhattacharya

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Educational Qualification:



Qualification	Subject	Institution	Year
Class X		West Bengal Board of Secondary Education	1992
Class XII	Humanities	West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education	1994
B.A. (Hons.)	English	Scottish Church College (University of Calcutta)	1997
Byakaran Ratna	Sanskrit	Bangiya Sanskrita Parishad, Government of West Bengal	1998
M.A.	English	Burdwan University	2001
M.A.	Rabindra Sangeet	Rabindra Bharati University	2018
UGC-NET (Rabindra Sangeet) qualified for Assistant Professor			2017

Service:

University	Post	Joining Date
Visva-bharati, Sangit Bhavana	Guest Teacher of Kirtan	05/09/2016
Visva-bharati, Sangit Bhavana	Assistant Professor of Rabindra Sangit	11/12/2020

Gurumukhi Training in Music:

Form of Music	Teacher	Period
Kirtan	Santosh Kumar Bhattacharya (first mentor)	1978-1988
	Nilmani Das (disciple of Jamini Mukherjee)	1988-1992
	Manoranjana Bhattacharya (Professor, RBU)	1992-1994
	Brindaban Banik (Professor, RBU, disciple of Haridas Kar)	1994-1996
	Dr. Mriganka Sekhar Chakraborty (Professor, RBU)	1996-1999

	Dwijen Dey (disciple of Radha Raman Karmakar)	1999-2003
Dhrupad	Shekhar Roy (Vishnupur Gharana) Arun Bhattacharya (Professor, RBU)	2009-2012 2010-present
Khayal	Ajit Sen (disciple of Ustad Amir Khan) Pratip Banerjee (disciple of Ustad Munawar Ali Khan) Buddhadev Chattopadhyay (disciple of Pt. Bhimshen Joshi)	2009-present 2009-present 2010-present
Rabindra sangeet	Subir Maiti (disciple of Subinay Roy)	2005-present
Sanskrit intonation	Pt. Ananta Das of Vrindavan	2006-2010
Srikhol	Sadhan Das Manoranjan Bhattacharya (Professor, RBU)	1990-2010 2000-present
Pakhwaj	Partha Ghosh (RBU)	2014-present
Classical dance	Manoranjan Gupta	2000-2004
Theory of music	Dr. Pradip Ghosh (former Professor, RBU)	2013-present

Languages known:

Sanskrit, Bengali, English, Hindi, Oriya.

Awards:

- **Sangeet Samman award 2016-17** from Government of West Bengal.
- Secured the first position in *Kirtan* in competition organized by the *Paschim Banga Rajya Sangeet Academy*, 1995.

Publications:

A. Book

1. *Kirtan O Pad Prasange*, Rong Berong Publications, 2017.

B. Articles

1. Kirtane sur o taler boichitra, *Lokasruti*, vol 12, issue 2, (Loksamskriti o Adibasi Samskriti Kendra, Tathya O Samskriti Bibhag, GoWB), July 2014, pp. 108-112.
2. *Padaratnabali*: Sankhipto sangeetic sameeksha, In *Sangbeekshan*, (edited by Jayanta Roy), Drishti Nandan Publication, 2017, pp. 255-263.
3. Rabindra bhabanay kirtan o baisnabadarsha. In *Bangla o Bangali*, (edited by Santinath Chattopadhyay), Manan Prakasan, 2016, pp. 260-269.
4. Kirtan bhabanay Nazrul. In *Krishti O Anwesha*, International Society for Intercultural Studies and Research (ISISAR), 2016, ISSN 23957840, pp. 184-190.
5. Vivekanander kirtanananda. *Chaitanya*, vol. 3 2013, pp. 82-90.
6. Birbhum jelar padakarta o pada madhuri. In *Sricharaneshu Ma* (Commemorative volume on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda), Matri Smriti Mandir, Kolkata, 2013, pp. 174-180.

7. Nitai Chander daan leela aswadan. *Dhimahi*, vol. 2, 2012, pp. 119-120.
8. Bardhaman jelar padakarta. *Chaitanya*, vol. 1, 2011, pp. 15-30.

Seminar/ lecture-demonstrations:

- *Padabali Sahitya o Rabindranath ebong Kazi Nazruler sangeet*, Dhaka University, (18-8-2017).
- *Influence of Kirtan on Kazi Nazrul Islam's music*, keynote speech cum demonstration in function commemorating death anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam, organized by Nazrul Academy, Govt. of West Bengal (30-8-2016).
- Mentor of Kirtan, three-day workshop organized by Paschim Banga Rajya Sangeet Academy (27-29 July, 2016).
- *Workshop on Kirtan*, Rabindra Bharati University (19-2-2016).
- *Padavali Kirtan*, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture (5-4-2016). (Review of this event appeared with photograph in *The Statesman*, 23-4-2016.)
- *Introducing Kirtan*, World Thinkers' and Writers' Peace Meet, organized by the International Society for Intercultural Studies and Research, at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture (29-12-2015).
- *Strands of Kirtan*, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University (10-9-2015).
- *Influence of Kirtan on Rabindra sangeet*, Department of Rabindra Sangeet, Rabindra Bharati University (17-6-2015).
- *Discussion on Kirtan and devotional songs*, Satyajit Ray Auditorium, Rabindranath Tagore Centre, Kolkata, organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations, 7-10-2013.
- *From Vaishnava Padabali to Tagore songs*, Bangla Sangeet Mela organized by the Government of West Bengal, 7-4-2013. (Review of this lecture appeared with photograph in *The Statesman*, 4-5-2013.)
- *Musical experience of Swami Vivekananda*, Burdwan University, 14-9-2012.
- *Swami Vivekananda's training in music*, Bankura Sarada College, 28-8-2012.
- *The diverse forms of Kirtan*, Jadavpur University, 29-3-2012 and 5-4-2012.
- *Sanyaser aloke Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ebong Swamiji*, Halo Heritage and Gallery Gold, 23-8-2012. (Review of this lecture appeared with photograph in *The Statesman*, 4-9-2012.)
- *Influence of Kirtan on Rabindra sangeet*, Visva Bharati University, on the occasion of *Rabindra Saptaha*, 11-8-2004.

Major performances:

- *Padavali Kirtan*, on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Sister Nivedita, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Sister Nivedita Girls' School, Bagbazar, Kolkata (25-3-2017)

- Three-day performance of Padavali Kirtan at Radha Kund, Vrindavan, UP (19-3-2017 to 21-3-2017)
- Padavali Kirtan (Durjay Man), Heritage house of Raibahadur Jadunath Mukherjee, Hazaribag (21-2-2017)
- Kirtan performance, in DD National (*Aaj Savere*), 19-7-2014, 8-12-2015
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrnmuKjW6xY> (part 1, 20:17),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMHpHcDSkL8> (part 2, 27:39)
- *Bangla Sangeet Mela* organized by the Government of West Bengal (2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010).
- Two-day Hindi performance of Padavali Kirtan and Bhajan, Jabbalpur, MP (27-9-2015)
- Songs dear to Swamiji, *Bardhaman Sanskriti Lok Mancha* (8-11-2015).
- Padavali Kirtan, *Rabindra Sadan* (31-7-2015).
- Bhanusingha Thakurer Padabali O Baishnab Padabali Kirtan, *Rabindra Tirtha*, New Town (29-3-2015).
- Closing performance at *Rajya Kirtan Utsav* at Nabadwip, organized by Government of West Bengal (19-11-2014).
- India International Centre, New Delhi, organized by Impressario India (25-4-2014).
- Baranagar Pathbari, concluding session of celebration of fifth centenary of arrival of Sri Chaitanya Dev in *Baranagar Pathbari* (18-4-2014).
- Bhaindar, Mumbai, Maharashtra (12-4-2014 and 13-4-2014).
- Silchar, Assam (12-3-2014 to 15-3-2014).
- *Little Magazine Sahitya Mela* organized by the Government of West Bengal (January 2014).
- Scientific Society Hall, Nagpur, Maharashtra, organized jointly by Bengali Education Society and Bengali Association (8-9-2013).
- Bhadrak, Odisha (16-8-2013).
- Gwalior Ramakrishna Ashram, M.P. (8-8-2013).
- India International Centre, New Delhi, on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (4-8-2013), inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh.
- *Kolkata Natya Mela* (29-4-2013).
- Ramakrishna Mission, *Belur Math*, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Ma Sarada Devi (4-1-2013).
- Berhampur, Odisha (31-8-2012 and 1-9-2012).
- Faridpur, Dhaka and Noakhali, Bangladesh (22-6-2012 to 6-7-2012).
- Puri, Odisha (29-4-2012).
- Ramakrishna Mission, *Belur Math*, in the concluding ceremony of 175th Birth Anniversary celebration of Ramakrishna Dev (23-2-2012).

- Sraddha Bali, Puri, Odisha, on the occasion of the fifth centenary of *sannyas* of Sri Chaitanya Dev (23-2-2010).
- Agartala, Tripura (2-3-2009 to 10-3-2009).
- Jaidev Radhamadhab Mandir, Kenduli (April 2005).
- Delhi Gauranga Ashram, Mehrauli, New Delhi (8-9-2004).
- Visva Bharati University, on the occasion of *Rabindra Saptaha* (11-8-2004), broadcast live in FM and TV channels from Shantiniketan.
- Nabadwip Gauranga Ashram of Bhakti Sravan Tirtha Maharaj (5-3-2004).

Video CDs and audio cassette:

1. *Bhakta Ramachandra Kabiraj*, NS-4008, Nirjharer Swapna, Kolkata.



2. *Kabi Vidyapati*, NS-4010, Nirjharer Swapna, Kolkata.



3. *Srimatir Krishna roop darshan*, NS-4012, Nirjharer Swapna, Kolkata.



4. *Durjoy maan*, NS-4014, Nirjharer Swapna, Kolkata.



5. *Aaj sakaler amantrane - Suman Bhattacharya*, Tara TV Employees' Welfare Association, Salt Lake Electronics Complex, Kolkata.



6. *Dam bandhan*, R-VCD 083, Ragini Records and Cassettes Co., Kolkata.



7. *Agradipe Gopinath*, R-VCD 082, Ragini Records and Cassettes Co., S.N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata.



8. *Neelachale Mahaprabhu*, R-VCD 081, Ragini Records and Cassettes Co., S.N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata.



9. *Poorba goshtha*, R-VCD 080, Ragini Records and Cassettes Co., S.N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata.



10. *Radharanir banshi siksha*, R-VCD 079, Ragini



22. *Maathur o dooti sangbad*, CD-10, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.

23. *Ashtottar shatanam o mahamantra sankirtan*, CD-07, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.

24. *English bhajan*, B-31, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



25. *Hindi bhajan*, B-30, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



26. *Jagaran leela*, B-29, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



27. *Bhakta Haridas*, B-28, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



28. *Krishna Sudama*, B-27, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



29. *Maharas leela*, B-26, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



30. *Chand Kazi uddhar*, B-25, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



31. *Jagai Madhai uddhar*, B-24, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



32. *SriRadhar poorbarag*, B-19, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.



Records and Cassettes
Co., S.N. Banerjee Road,
Kolkata.

11. *Sri Sri Ramakrishner
kathamriter gaan -
Devotional song*, T-047,
True Eastern Music, J.L.
Nehru Road, Kolkata.



12. *Ekti Namaskare -
Rabindra sangeet*, T-037,
True Eastern Music, J.L.
Nehru Road, Kolkata.



13. *Sangeet kalpataru Swami
Vivekananda*, True
Eastern Music, Kolkata.

14. *Nityananda milan*, RG
Series, Sri Sri
Radhagobindo Sebakunj
Ashram, Hugli.

15. *Pisimar Nitai Gour*, RG
Series, Sri Sri
Radhagobindo Sebakunj
Ashram, Hugli.

16. *Uttar goshta*, RG Series,
Sri Sri Radhagobindo
Sebakunj Ashram.

17. *Bhog Arati*, RG Series, Sri
Sri Radhagobindo
Sebakunj Ashram, Hugli.



18. *Bhakta Narottam*, CD-20,
Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



19. *Sankirtan*, CD-31, Blaze
Audio Video, Kolkata.



20. *Sri Radhar Manbhanjan*,
CD-18, Blaze Audio Video,

33. *Naam sankeertan*, B-16,
Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



34. *Jagai Madhai uddhar*, B-
15, Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



35. *Surya puja*, B-14, Blaze
Audio Video, Kolkata.



36. *Bhakta Raghunandan*,
B-13, Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



37. *Prabhu Shyamananda*,
B-12, Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



38. *Prabhas yajna*, B-11,
Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



39. *Kaliya daman*, B-09,
Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



40. *Daan leela*, B-08, Blaze
Audio Video, Kolkata.



41. *Nimai sanyas*, B-06,
Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



42. *Sri Krishner raas leela*,
B-05, Blaze Audio Video,
Kolkata.



43. *Mahamantra naam
sankirtan*, B-04, Blaze
Audio Video, Kolkata.



44. *Jaban Haridas*, audio
cassette, Blaze Audio
Video, Kolkata.



Kolkata.



21. *Chapal Gopal uddhar*, CD-17, Blaze Audio Video, Kolkata.

Links to sample performances:

- Kirtan in Rabindrasangeet, in Akash Aat (*Dinguli Mor*), 17-5-2016
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wVbovojzYI>
- Banshi siksha, in Tara Muzik (*Aaj Sakaler Amantrane*), 25-4-2016
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W9m9WjSt7I> (part 1, 53:14),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLKzwNbpAuA> (part 2, 26:45)
- Padavali Kirtan: Gour Leela, in RKM Institute of Culture, 5-4-2016
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wVbovojzYI>
- Kirtan performance, in World Peace Meet (RKMIC Golpark), 29-12-2015
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTqpbcZ6tR8> (part 1, 21:40),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7muMNXYNaw> (part 2, 21:27),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCWGcbv5jcQ> (part 3, 21:17)
- Bhanusingha Thakurer Padabali O Baishnab Padabali Kirtan, *Rabindra Tirtha*, New Town, 29-3-2015
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8x6lCO6OhKQ> (7:26)
- Kirtan performance, in DD National (*Aaj Savere*), 19-7-2014
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrnmukjW6xY> (part 1, 20:17),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMHphHcDSkL8> (part 2, 27:39)
- Dan leela, in Tara Muzik (*Aaj Sakaler Amantrane*), 25-5-2014
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ur8Hxjgn6LQ> (part 1, 53:14),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=265a6YY9vwc> (part 2, 26:45)
- Holi songs, in High News, 16-3-2014
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zlk6ESAzYkU> (20:22)
- Kirtan performance, in Sahitya Utsab, January 2014
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mL0MBAUI-Bw> (4:39)
- Agamani gaan, in Tara Muzik (*Aaj Sakaler Amantrane*), 10-10-2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IBFPDpJftM> (1:53:48)
- Kirtan performance, in India International Centre, New Delhi, 4-8-2013
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch91G9MeYxA> (1:00:01)
- Music liked by Ramakrishna and Vivekananda, in DD Bangla (*Sakal Sakal*), 14-6-2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox5Yfvz62wE> (part 1, 16:02),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6DXq8iga64> (part 2, 21:17)
- Songs of Mathur, in Tara Muzik (*Aaj Sakaler Amantrane*), 7-6-2013
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq30LW46PTs> (part 1, 29:47),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hXT5hz20-w> (part 2, 21:32),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKX3bD3dQ94> (part 3, 31:57)

- Padabali kirtan, in Belur Math (Ma Sarada birth anniversary), 4-1-2013
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGOe2ui1Y_k (1:02:59)
- Rath yatra, in Kolkata TV (*Good Morning Kolkata*), 20-6-2012
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EESzTQZwZNI> (part 1, 25:46),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2nmtw74z5k> (part 2, 20:30)
- Music of awakening, in DD Bangla (*Sakal Sakal*), 15-6-2012
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrRzS0NmLw> (partial, 11:49)
- Nimai sannyas, in Tara Muzik (*Aaj Sakaler Amantrane*), 1-6-2012
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-jGauGFHn4> (part 1, 23:24),
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4n_KzkqKnWg (part 2, 1:06:06)
- Padabali kirtan, in Belur Math (175th anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna Dev), 23-2-2012
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JpJoCvV50E> (1:03:48)
- Noukabilas, in Tara Muzik (*Aaj Sakaler Amantrane*), 4-2-2012
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGgHcqCLJF4> (part 1, 19:28),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3Wa4RSS4wk> (part 2, 38:12),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZeDG5DPhi0> (part 3, 24:29)
- Geeta jayanti, in Kolkata TV (*Good Morning Kolkata*), 6-12-2011
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0m-ZbEc9BbU> (55:48)
- Kali kirtan recital, in Kolkata TV (*Good Morning Kolkata*), 27-10-2011
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWbgTpprizk> (20:15)
- Chandipath, in Kolkata TV, 28-09-2011
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWbgTpprizk> (11:33)
- Kirtan performance, in Kolkata TV (*Good Morning Kolkata*), 13-6-2011
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGgdNIQrNr8> (8:46)
- Kirtan performance, in Bangla Sangeet Mela, April 2011
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnc_lzu5G2E (11:26)

Institutions founded:

- **Chaitanya Ashram school on kirtan** is run at, 111/5 MNK Road, Baranagar. This school was covered on *DoorDarshan* on 13-12-2015 (see videos at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoeu9MR2sg0>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8-l6o-2hNQ>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOipooRsgrQ>).
- **Aparna Devi Library** at 337 MNK Road, Baranagar with more than 5000 books on music, literature and scripture.

Future plan:

- Developing the existing school and the existing library into premiere resource centers for national and international scholars and connoisseurs of Kirtan.
- Establishing a research center on Kirtan for publication of hitherto unpublished *padas*, reconstruction of lost tunes and recording of traditional renditions.

References:

- **Dr. Pradip Kumar Ghosh** (formerly with State Music Academy, Government of West Bengal, and Department of Musicology, Rabindra Bharati University).
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- **Basudeb Ghosh** (Deputy Director, Information Directorate, Information & Cultural Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal).
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